Application No.: 09/806123 Docket No.: 05587-00312-US

**REMARKS** 

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the expression "high-molecular-weight".

This expression is the basis for the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 USC §112. While

the applicant remains convinced that the expression does not render the claims

indefinite, cancellation of the expression is now requested in order to reduce the issues

on appeal. Accordingly, entry of this claim change is respectfully requested.

As previsouly argued the thermoplastic elastomer of the present invention has

lasting adhesion to polyacetal. This desired property is achieved by the combination of

the styrene-olefin elastomers with non-olephinic thermoplastic material. The feature of

"high-molecular-weight" has no effect on the desired adhesion.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due,

please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05587-00312-US

from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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